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TO: Honorable Terry Keel, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3241 by Hilderbran (Relating to the prosecution and adjudication of an offense in justice or municipal courts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would make slight changes to procedures regarding persons arrested pursuant to warrants issued in a county other than the one in which the person was arrested. Additionally, the bill would permit municipal judges and justices of the peace to waive payment of a fine or court cost imposed on a defendant who defaults in payment if the judge determines that the defendant is indigent and that each alternative method of discharging the fine or cost would impose an undue hardship on the defendant. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

The Office of Court Administration indicated the fiscal impact to the state would be insignificant and that there would be no fiscal impact to units of local government. The Municipal Court Clerks Association also stated that there would be no fiscal impact to municipal courts.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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